

Bodley House
200 N. Market St.
Lexington, Kentucky.

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Historical Data

Year of erection: Not ascertained

Built for (first owner): General Thomas Bodley, an officer of the War of 1812.

Architect or designer: Benjamin H. Latrobe

Built by: Samuel Long, with slave labor.

Original intended use: Residence

Notable events and occupants:

"After the death of the General the place was sold to Daniel Vertner, a southern planter, whose foster daughter was the celebratedly beautiful and poetic Rosa Vertner.

"It was in this house that Chad, 'the little shepherd of Kingdom Come,' attended the great ball of which John Fox, Jr., wrote, and during the War Between the States, when Lexington was occupied by Union troops in 1862 and '63, the house was used as federal headquarters both by General Stephen A. Burbridge and General Quincy Gilmore. A large American flag was painted on the living room floor during the period of occupation.

"The second deed to the house was written by the Vertner heirs to William A. Dudley, president of the old Louisville and Nashville railroad, and to this place he brought his father, Dr. Benjamin Winslow Dudley, and his mother, to spend the last years of their lives.

"After the death of the older Dudleys when the place was no longer used as a family residence, it was rented for a number of years and in 1912 it was purchased by the present owners...."

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Reference: Bluegrass Houses and Their Traditions, by Elizabeth M. Simpson, with an introduction by Wm. H. Townsend. Illus. (Lexington, Ky., 1932.) pp.159-163.

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